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VIBURNUM LENTAGO **NANNYBERRY**

Nannyberry is a tall shrub that is up to 3 m high with usually smooth, gray to reddish brown bark. The opposite leaves have broadly elliptic, pointed blades that are 5-9 cm long with finely toothed margins. The winged stalks are 10-27 mm long and have sparse, reddish brown hairs at the base. Foliage is glabrous. Small flowers are borne in open umbrella-like inflorescences that are 5-12 cm across and sessile amongst leaves on the tips of the branches. Each flower has a tubular calyx with 5 short lobes and a white, bell-shaped, 5-lobed corolla that is 2-3 mm long. The 5 stamens are exerted from the corolla. The dark blue, globose fruit is 10-14 mm long and has a thin, whitish, waxy coating. Flowering in June.

The other species of *VIBURNUM* in our area have lobed leaves. *V. LENTAGO* superficially resembles *CORNUS STOLONIFERA*, which differs in having red twigs and entire-margined leaves.